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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ROK RESPONSE TO DPRK PROPOSAL FOR PEACE TREATY

1. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YUN SUK-HEUN CALLED CHARGE IN TO SAY THAT PRESIENT PARK IN HIS ANNUAL PRESS CONFERENCE EARLY NEXT MONTH WOULD RESPOND TO NORTH KOREAN REQUEST FOR A PEACE TREATY. QUESTIONS ALREADY SUBMITTED BY REPORTERS INDICATED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT, AND WHILE PITFALLS AND INSINCERITIES IN NORTHERN PROPOSAL COULD BE EXPOSED, SOME POSITIVE REACTION WAS ALSO DESIRABLE.

2. ROKG INTENDED THEREFORE TO PROPOSE A NON-AGGRESSION AGREEMENT INCORPORATING THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

A. BOTH SIDES WOULD AGREE NOT TO RESORT TO FORCE.

B. THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WOULD BE RESPECTED BY BOTH SIDES.

C. BOTH SIDES WOULD AGREE NOT TO INTERVENE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE OTHER PARTY.

3. CHARGE NOTED THAT THE TERM "INTERNAL AFFAIRS" IMPLIED THE EXISTENCE OF TWO SEPARATE STATES. YUN ACKNOWLEDGED CONFIDENTIAL

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THE POINT BUT SAID THAT THE EXISTENCE OF TWO REGIMES WAS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED. "DOMESTIC AFFAIRS" MIGHT BE A BETTER FORMULATION.

4. YUN ASKED FOR OUR COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSAL. OUR  
INPUT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF IT COULD BE IN KOREAN  
HANDS BY THE END OF THIS WEEK.

5. COMMENT: PARK'S IDEA, WHILE IN OUR VIEW NOT  
OBJECTIONABLE, SEEMS UNLIKELY TO MAKE MUCH OF A SPLASH  
OR REGAIN THE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE FOR THE ROKG.  
THE NORTH WILL PROBABLY RESPOND THAT THE ROK PROPOSAL  
IS NO ANSWER TO A FULL-SCALE PEACE TREATY, THAT THE  
JULY 4 COMMUNIQUE ALREADY INCLUDES A MUTUAL RENUNCI-  
ATION OF FORCE, AND THAT THE CONDITIONS WITHIN ALL  
PARTS OF KOREA ARE PROPER SUBJECT FOR CONCERN.  
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